

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A method for immediate delivery of an e-mail to a telecommunication terminal of a recipient via at least one telecommunication network, wherein the e-mail is transmitted from a sender via a polled e-mail server to the recipient, comprising the steps of
delivering the e-mail to the telecommunication terminal of the recipient via conventional MMS or WAP push systems, in that the e-mails are forwarded from the polled e-mail server to a specially configured push mail server based on the e-mail address of the recipient, from where they are delivered to the telecommunication terminal based on a telephone number, which is included in the e-mail or determined from a database, via conventional MMS or WAP push systems; wherein the push mail server encapsulates the e-mail in a suitable content type, so that the e-mail can be transmitted via MMS or WAP push format;

wherein a conventional WAP client or MMS client, which detects and processes the e-mails encapsulated in the suitable content type, is installed in the telecommunication terminal; if message units encapsulated with the suitable content type are detected, the e-mail contained therein is extracted and transmitted to the e-mail client of the telecommunication terminal.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein a subscriber account is established for each subscriber on the push mail server, the subscriber account including the telephone number of at least one telecommunication terminal and the e-mail address of the recipient;

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein forwarding of the e-mail from the e-mail server to the push mail server is controlled by a device and by applying forwarding rules.

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the push mail server

determines the telephone number of the telecommunication terminal of the recipient from the employed push mail address.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the push mail server is connected to the MMS or WAP push systems of the employed telecommunication network.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the function of the push mail server is integrated directly in the existing e-mail server.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein a "message/rfc822" is employed as a content type.

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the push mail server includes a billing mechanism, which is used to produce toll tickets for the billing system of telecommunication network operators or other service providers.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) A device for immediate delivery of e-mails to a telecommunication terminal of a recipient via at least one telecommunication network, with a polled e-mail server for transmitting the e-mails from a sender to the recipient, comprising

a telecommunication network including MMS or WAP push systems, and

a push server connected with the e-mail server for immediate delivery of the e-mails received by the polled e-mail server to the telecommunication terminal of the recipient; wherein the push server encapsulates the e-mail in a suitable content type, so that the e-mail can be transmitted via MMS or WAP push format;

wherein a conventional WAP client or MMS client, which detects and processes the e-mails encapsulated in the suitable content type, is installed in the telecommunication terminal; if message units encapsulated with the suitable content type are detected, the e-mail contained therein is extracted and transmitted to the e-mail client of the telecommunication terminal.

13. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 12, wherein the telecommunication terminal is a mobile telecommunication terminal.

14. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 12, wherein the telecommunication terminal is a landline telecommunication terminal.

15. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 12, wherein a subscriber account is established for each subscriber on the push mail server, the subscriber account including the telephone number of at least one telecommunication terminal and the original e-mail address of the recipient.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)